

A short account of Edie's service would include the time that Edie has donated to the Monterey Civic Club, Monterey Recreation Committee, Robinson Jeffers' Tor House, Alliance on Aging, Monterey Bay Symphony, State Theatre Preservation Society, and the list goes on. In addition, several years ago, Edie and her late husband, the former County Supervisor Sam Karas, traveled to Bosnia where they served as international election observers.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate Edie's work on behalf of the Big Sur Health Center, which will recognize her service in a tribute on June 18, 2004. I became involved with the clinic in the late '70's as a member of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. At that time the Big Sur Clinic had more certified EMTs per capita than any place in the U.S. and provided free emergency services and an ambulance maintained by the Red Cross. Today the Health Center serves many of the outpatient health needs of the rural Big Sur community in a modest facility made up of two 35 year old portable trailers and a treasury of heart, soul, and dedication supplied by its volunteers. For much of the last decade, Team Karas has been instrumental in its growth and success.

When they joined the Center's board in the late 1990s, the Center faced deep financial hardship. Sam took immediate action and began to contact the Pebble Beach Foundation and other funding sources outside the immediate Big Sur community. His efforts put the Center on the map for charitable foundations and government agencies. The Center soon regained its financial footing and was back on the path to fiscal health.

However, while Sam was out front making the initial calls and receiving the credit, I have always suspected that it was Edie who did the work. I see evidence of that in the fact that the Center will soon replace its venerable trailers with a new building, a development in which Edie has played no small part in seeing to fruition. Edie continues to be the spark of energy that animates the Center's fundraising efforts and every other cause that she embraces. So it is with true pleasure that I join with the Big Sur community and the people of Monterey County in recognizing Edie Karas for her service to the Big Sur Health Center. I wish Edie and the Center the best of health.

SALUTING JUDGE BRUCE EINHORN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join in saluting my friend, Judge Bruce Einhorn, Chair of the Pacific Southwest Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). He is a remarkable man whose accomplishments are legion.

During Judge Einhorn's tenure as Regional Chair, the organization pressed law enforcement authorities for vigorous application of appropriate hate crimes laws, and successfully opposed the deceptively named "Racial Privacy Initiative." He helped the ADL prevent the spread of hatred and intolerance through the creation of new and ongoing programs designed to fight the defamation of the Jewish

people and ensure justice and fair treatment for all. He also served as Chair of the ADL's San Fernando, Conejo and Antelope Valley Boards.

He is presently an ADL National Commissioner and is a member of both the League's Executive Committee for the Pacific Southwest Region and its Latino-Jewish Round Table. Also, he is a founding member of both the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC and the Museum of Tolerance in West Los Angeles.

In addition to his work with non-profits, Judge Einhorn has developed an impressive legal career. He is a well-respected Los Angeles U.S. Immigration Judge. He also serves as Adjunct Professor of International Human Rights Law and War Crimes Studies at Pepperdine University's School of Law, where he received the 1997 David W. McKibbin Excellence in Teaching Award. For 11 years, Judge Einhorn served as a trial attorney and later as a Deputy Director and Litigation Chief for the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, the agency responsible for seeking the identification and prosecution of Nazi war criminals residing illegally in the United States.

Judge Einhorn's commitment to civil rights, justice and tolerance for all people has been repeatedly recognized. He is the proud recipient of the U.S. Attorney General's Special Commendation Award and the State of Israel Bonds Lifetime Professional Achievement Award. In October 1999, in the presence of President Bill Clinton, he also received the Ginsberg Prize for Leadership in Civil Rights from the Anti-Defamation League at its National Commission Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Please join me in honoring Judge Bruce Einhorn and thanking him for his outstanding contributions to our community and for his steadfast commitment to the ADL's critical mission.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BOHN MUSGRAVE ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Bohn Musgrave, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on July 31, 2004.

Mr. Musgrave was born in 1904 in a log cabin in Michigan's rural Upper Peninsula. After graduating from high school and attending Central Michigan University, he taught in a two-room country school and then worked as a principal in the Sebawing School District. Following his marriage to wife Doris in 1926 and the birth of his two children, Bohn earned a degree in Agriculture from Michigan State University and worked as an Agricultural Agent for Kalkaska and Mecosta Counties. In 1954, Mr. Musgrave relocated to the Lansing area and worked as a supervisor in the Michigan State University Extension Service until his retirement in 1969.

Even after leaving the workforce and surviving a bout with bone cancer in his right leg, Bohn stayed active, traveling the world with

Doris, visiting all 50 states and 41 countries. After his wife's death in 1988, Bohn took on the role of family historian, compiling and self-publishing five books of poems, personal anecdotes, and memories for his family and close friends. His fondness of history and love of Michigan led him to contribute heavily to A History of Columbus Township, published in 2000, and to an oral history compiled by Michigan State University about the logging industry. Ever eager to impress upon young minds the significance of days past, he has visited elementary schools in the Lansing area to share his knowledge of the history of the Upper Peninsula. Mr. Musgrave is also a charter member of Haslett Community Church, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Mr. Speaker, Bohn Musgrave has been a devoted father and dedicated worker. He is a master storyteller, poet, and artist. Today, he still resides in Haslett, Michigan. I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Bohn Musgrave's 100th birthday.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support H.R. 4278, the Improving Access to Assistive Technology for Individuals with Disabilities Act.

The bill reauthorizes the Assistive Technology State Grant Program, and the State Protection and Advocacy program. It also will help to ensure a larger share of the resources distributed under the program goes directly to individuals with disabilities. Assistive technology devices include a broad range of aids, such as wheelchairs, communication devices and computer hardware that help individuals compensate for living with a disability.

The Assistive Technology State Grant program was first enacted in 1988 as a program to provide states funds to establish an infrastructure for increasing access and distribution to assistive technology devices. Millions of Americans depend on assistive technology devices to remove barriers to education, employment, and even daily communication.

The bill also funds the State Protection and Advocacy programs. Its purpose is to assist individuals in overcoming barriers in the workplace and in the government and making assistive technology more accessible to individuals with disabilities throughout the state.

I would like to thank Representatives BUCK McKEON, JOHN BOEHNER, DALE KILDEE and their staffs for working with me to make changes to the bill regarding State Protection and Advocacy programs during the committee markup process. The bill now includes changes that would allow Protection and Advocacy systems to carry over "program income" for 2 additional years. These are funds generated by program activities, typically attorneys' fees reimbursements, for 2 additional years.

Under current law, Protection and Advocacy programs can carry over "program income" for